FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S. 352

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TO: The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Chairman, Senate Medical Affairs Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Certification of Food Service Supervisors in Hospitals and Nursing Homes

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 352 amends Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the licensing of health facilities and services, by adding Section 44-7-255 which specifies the training and certification requirements for food service supervisors in hospitals and nursing homes.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)

The Department reports that while the Bill would increase the Health Facility Licensing Division's workload, the impact is minimal and can be absorbed within the agency's current resources.

Department of Health and Human Services

The Department indicates nursing homes and hospital are currently in compliance with the proposed Bill and that DHEC is responsible for licensing these entities. The Department reports no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

Department of Mental Health

The Department indicates it is currently in compliance with the proposed Bill and there be no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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